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**RESPONSE TO CLAIM REJECTIONS MAILED ON DECEMBER 15, 2004**

In response to an Office Action mailed on December 15, 2004, Applicants hereby offer the following remarks:

**DRAWINGS**

The Examiner issued an objection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because the reference sign **216** was not found in the drawings as originally submitted. Attached to this response is a replacement sheet for the first page of drawings. The attached sheet is labeled as "replacement sheet" as is required. Applicant therefore respectfully requests Examiner to withdraw the rejection based on 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5).